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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Project Aircraft Assignment

1. This memorandum outlines the overall Project aircraft situation and contains Operations recommendations for their assignment and utilization. The following figures are based on the assumption that all ten Project retained U-2 aircraft will be equipped with slipper tanks installed either at Edwards AFB or at the detachment. (This subject will be discussed in a later memorandum). It is further assumed that RAINBOW will be installed on a minimum of six of the retained U-2's.

A. Present Aircraft Assignment:

Detachment "A"	Detachment "B"	Detachment "C"
1 CIA - owned C-54 2 AF - owned T-33 1 AF - owned L-20 3 CIA - owned U-2 347 - Clean 351 - Clean with slipper tanks 359 - Clean	1 AF - owned C-54 2 AF - owned T-33 5 CIA - owned U-2 344 - RAINBOW 349 - RAINBOW with slipper tanks 352 - Clean 353 - Clean 356 - Clean System 5 Hatch	1 AF - owned C-47 2 AF - owned T-33 2 CIA - owned U-2 342 - Clean 358 - Clean
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2 AF - owned T-33 7 CIA - owned U-2		レ	U-2 - 347 349 - RANGOW	ILLEGIB
343 - Clean			(352)	
348 - Clean to FOG	2 Dec	L	356	
(350 - Clean to FOG)		i	359	
355 - RAINBOW with				
slipper tanks				
360 - Clean				
367 - RAINBOW				
378 - RAINBOW				

B. Recommended Winter Aircraft Assignment (to 1 April 1958)

Detachment "B		Edwards	
2 C-54	1 C-47	2 T-33	

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Winter Aircraft Assignment: (Cont'd)

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Detachment "B"	Detachment "C"	Edwards AFB
2 T-33 3 U-2 344 - RAINBOW 351 - Clean with slipper tanks 353 - Clean	2 T-33 2 U-2 342 - Clean 358 - Clean	343 - Clean (B and C camera tests) 349 - RAINBOW and slipper tanks (used as needed) 355 - RAINBOW and slipper tanks (used as needed) 367 - RAINBOW test and fit with slipper tanks 378 - RAINBOW test and fit with slipper tanks
Aircraft to be Transferre	ed to FOG:	Aircraft to be Transferred to USAFE:
U-2 No. 348 - Clean - Apr 347 - Clean - To 350 - Clean - Apr 352 - Clean - To 356 - Clean - To 359 - Clean - To	be approved be approved be approved be approved be approved	2 T-33 1 L-20

If it is determined that the slipper tank installation can only be performed at Edwards AFB I would expect that sometime during the winter months that U-2 No's. 342, 358 (Det. C) and 353, 344 (Det. B) will be returned to Edwards AFB to be either RAINBOWED, fitted with slipper tanks or both. These aircraft would be exchanged with those at Edwards AFB that have completed retrofit.

C. Recommended Spring and Summer Aircraft Assignment:

Detachment "B"	Detachment "C"	_Edwards AFB
2 C-54 2 T-33 4 U-2 344 - RAINBOW and slipper tanks (must be fitted)	1 C-47 2 T-33 4 U-2 342 - slipper tanks only (must be fitted)	2 T-33 2 U-2 343 - slipper tanks only (must be fitted)

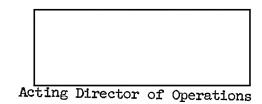
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Recommended Spring and Summer Aircraft Assignment: (Cont'd)

Detachment "B"	Detachment "C"	Edwards AFB
U-2 - 349 - RAINBOW and slipper tanks 351 - Clean and slipper tanks 353 - slipper tanks on (must be fitted)	slipper tanks r 367 - RAINBOW and slipper tanks (must be fitted)	U-2 - 358 - slipper tanks only (must be fitted)

2. During the winter retrofit program I would expect that it is entirely possible that the actual assignment by number, of U-2 aircraft to a specific detachment may not be rigidly adhered to, however, the principal of three RAINBOW and slipper tank U-2's and one slipper tank U-2 to each detachment is desirable. This combination lends a great amount of flexibility to the operational capability of the unit and will fulfil all operational requirements in the foreseeable future.



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